

OPINION 721

DICELLOMUS HALL, 1871 (BRACHIOPODA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the genus *Dicellomus* Hall, 1871, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Lingula polita* Hall, 1861, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Dicellomus* Hall, 1871 (gender : masculine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Lingula polita* Hall, 1861, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1655.

(3) The specific name *polita* Hall, 1861, as published in the binomen *Lingula polita* (type-species of *Dicellomus* Hall, 1871) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2053.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1504)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. A. J. Rowell in October 1961. Dr. Rowell's application was sent to the printer on 6 December 1961 and was published on 10 September 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 308–309. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Article 12b; *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184). The proposals were supported by Dr. A. J. Boucot and Dr. J. A. Talent.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 April 1964 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (64)7 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 309. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 27 July 1964 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-seven (27), received in the following order: China, Hering, Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Vokes, Simpson, Stoll, Uchida, Boschma, Tortonese, Riley, do Amaral, Miller, Obruchev, Sabrosky, Evans, Bonnet, Kraus, Jaczewski, Borchsenius, Alvarado, Forest, Mertens, Binder, Brinck, Ride

Negative votes—none (0)

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Munroe

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Hubbs

In returning his Voting Paper Mr. C. W. Sabrosky made the following comment: "The stringency of the rule in Article 69a(i) leads us into occasional absurdities. *Dicellomus* was not monobasic to its author: it contained two species, one mentioned by name, and one by indication, by a clear bibliographic reference to a single species. If the rules were not so narrowly ritualistic, zoolo-

gists could solve such problems as these without recourse to the Commission (cf. Walcott, 1912, and others). ”

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Dicellomus Hall, 1871, *Prelim. Notice: 23rd Ann. Rep. State Cab. Nat. Hist. N. Y.*: 1-5

polita, Lingula, Hall, 1861, *Rep. Superintendent Geol. Surv. Wisconsin*: 24

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (64)7 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 721.

W. E. CHINA

Acting Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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